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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE - WORKING GROUP ON WORLD

POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION (WPPA) - AUGUST 24

1. AUGUST 24 MORNING MEETING OF WORKING GROUP DEVOTED ENTIRELY
TO A REVISION OF THE LAST LINES OF PARAGRAPH 12 OF CHAPTER I,
BACKGROUND. THE LANGUAGE APPROVED READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THIS EXAMPLE OF DEMOGRAPHIC INERTIA WHICH WILL LEAD TO A
GROWING

POPULATION, FOR MANY DECADES TO COME, DEMONSTRATES THAT WHATEVER
POPULATION POLICIES MAY BE FORMULATED, SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MUST ACCELERATE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
LEVELS OF LIVING.

EFFORTS MADE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO SPEED UP
ECONOMIC GROWTH MUST BE VIEWED BY THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

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AS GLOBAL ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE

WORLD, SUPPORTED BY A JUST UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S WEALTH, RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT COUNTRIES WISHING TO AFFECT THEIR ECONOMIC GROWTH MUST ANTICIPATE FURTHER DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND MAKE APPROPRIATE DECISIONS ON ACTIONS IN THEIR PLANS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WELL IN ADVANCE."

2. THIS COMPROMISE POSITION WORKED OUT BY ALGERIA, BULGARIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND UNITED KINGDOM. LATTER STRONGLY SUPPORTED VIEWS PRESENTED IN PREVIOUS SESSION BY PAKISTAN, US AND OTHERS. ALGERIA, DESPITE BEING PARTY TO COMPROMISE, SUGGESTED WORD "DISTRIBUTION" RATHER THAN "UTILIZATION" OF WORLD'S WEALTH, RESOURCES, AND TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE USED. ETHIOPIA PRESENTED "DISTRIBUTION" AS SUB-AMENDMENT. BULGARIA, SEEING OPPORTUNITY FOR REOPENING DEBATE, SUGGESTED USE OF WORD "REDISTRIBUTION". UK PROTESTED THAT DELICATE BALANCE STRUCK WOULD BE DESTROYED BY SUBSTITUTION OF WORD "DISTRIBUTION" OR "REDISTRIBUTION". THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR A VOTE, BUT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INSISTED THAT THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE GROUP RETURN TO THEIR TASK AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE WORKING GROUP. UK STOOD FIRM AGAINST ANY SUBSTITUTION BUT RECOMMENDATION TO WORKING GROUP WAS TO USE WORDS "DISTRIBUTION" AND "UTILIZATION". PHILIPPINE DEL DEMANDED A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE FIRST TO BE REQUESTED IN WORKING GROUP. THE INCLUSION OF WORD "DISTRIBUTION" WAS DEFEATED 41(US)-31-6.

ASIANS RALLIED FOR THIS VOTE, WITH PRC OPPOSING; WESTERN EUROPEANS AND SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SUPPORTED, LEAVING ALGERIA AND AFRICA SOMEWHAT ISOLATED FOR FIRST TIME IN WORKING GROUP. ABSTENTIONS WERE PRIMARILY FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND USSR.

3. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF VOTE IS THAT NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER LANGUAGE IN THE PLAN IS BEING CHECKED FOR FIRST TIME AND THE NATURAL ALLIANCES OF INTEREST IN POPULATION FIELD ARE ASSERTING THEMSELVES AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF POLITICAL AND POLEMICAL ABUSE.
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